

Consent Calendar

April 3, 2009

A. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Tab A

Minutes of the Meetings of the State Board of Education held March 6, 2009 are attached under Tab A, and are recommended for approval.

B. Contracts

Tab B

The following contracts are recommended for approval by the Board:

- (1) The National Center for the Improvement of Education Assessment. \$829,117.87. 4/15/09-4/14/2012. - Fed.

To provide: Assessment and Accountability technical and policy assistance to the Utah State Office of Education.

- (2) Mesa Systems Inc. \$15,000. 5/1/09-4/30/10. - Amend. - Fed.

Renew contract for one year.

- (3) Teachers-Teachers.Com., Inc. \$115,808. 3/31/09-3/30/2010.

Membership to web based database forum where institutions seeking to hire teachers and administrators can search for employees that have posted resumes and qualifications, and job preferences.

- (4) i Assessment dba TrueNorthLogic. \$200,000. 4/1/2009-3/31/2010. - Fed.

Licensed software for program and grant management.

C. Educator Licensing Requests for Temporary Authorization

Tab C

Requests for Temporary Authorizations as submitted by the school districts are attached under Tab C. It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the requests for Temporary Authorizations as submitted.

D. Standards for Utah School Buses and Operations, R277-601

Tab D

In the January 8, 2009 State Board of Education meeting, amendments to R277-601, Standards for Utah Buses and Operations dealing with the use of electronic and telecommunication devices on school buses and the end of bus route inspection were approved.

Subsequently, additional clarification regarding the use of electronic and telecommunication devices on school buses required this rule to be amended again. The amendments were reviewed by the Finance Committee at the March 6, 2009 meeting.

The Finance Committee approved the amendments to R277-601 on first reading and the Board approved the amendments to R277-601, Standards for Utah School Buses and Operations on second reading. There have been no substantive changes to the rule since that time. It is recommended that the Board approve R277-601, Standards for Utah School Buses and Operations on third and final reading.

E. Procedures for the Utah High School Completion Diploma, R277-702

Tab E

R277-702 Procedures for the Utah General Educational Development Certificate was amended to define the same parameters defined, as recent amendments, in R277-733, Adult Education Programs. Specifically, defining parameters associated with youth (16 years of age or older) who may choose to exit a K-12 program of instruction and seek admission to take the GED Tests; and upon successfully passing the GED Tests receiving a Utah High School Completion Diploma.

At the March 6, 2009 Board Meeting additional amendments were made by the Curriculum Committee which they approved on first reading, and the Board approved R277-702, Procedures for the Utah High School Completion Diploma on second reading. There have been no substantive changes to the rules since that time. It is recommended that the Board approve R277-702, Procedures for the Utah High School Completion Diploma on third and final reading.

F. Administrative Rule Review

Tab F

Under provisions of 63-45a-9, U.C.A. 1953, all administrative rules shall be reviewed every five years. There may be minor non-substantive changes within these rules. It is recommended that the following rule be reviewed and approved:

R277-725 Electronic High School

G. Monthly Budget Report

Tab G

The Monthly Budget Report attached under Tab G provides information to the Board in meeting its fiduciary responsibilities toward the Utah State Office of Education, the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

H. USB E Annual Calendar

Tab H

Attached under Tab H is the Utah State Board of Education Annual Calendar for 2009. This is provided for information to the Board.

I. List of Applicants for Licenses

A summary of the list of applicants for initial and renewal licenses will be available at Board meeting in accordance with Board policy for perusal by members of the Board. It is recommended that the Board approve the List of Applicants.

J. Claims Report

The Claims Report for March 31, 2009 will be available at the meeting in accordance with Board policy for perusal by members of the Board. It is recommended that the Board approve the Claims Report.